

SENATE RESOLUTION 108
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Vincent Jordan and the 1997-1998 Martin Luther King, Jr. High School freshman boys' basketball team on a great season.

WHEREAS, with exceptional poise, exemplary determination, and rarely equaled skill; the excellent 1997-1998 Martin Luther King, Jr. High School freshman boys' basketball team has been a source of tremendous pride to their school; and

WHEREAS, during their 16-0 unblemished regular season, Martin Luther King beat Overton 68-19 and 51-37, Hillsboro 66-53 and 70-27, Montgomery Bell Academy 59-46 and 57-35, Father Ryan 71-28 and 53-23, Hillwood 68-23 and 52-32, Pearl-Cohn 68-54 and 57-51, the second game in overtime, Centennial, by forfeit and 57-37 and Franklin 56-36 and 57-34, and

WHEREAS, the Royals next won their fabled District Tournament, impressively defeating Hillwood 57-33, Father Ryan 32-17 and Montgomery Bell Academy 30-27; and

WHEREAS, this talented team completed their very memorable season by winning the coveted City Championship with a sterling 45-27 victory over Maplewood; and

WHEREAS, despite playing only one game at home all season, the powerful MLK machine finished the 1997-1998 campaign with a phenomenal 20-0 record; and

WHEREAS, their highly regarded Head Coach was Vincent Jordan, who was ably assisted by Kenneth Martin. Their AAU Coach was James Roberts, who was assisted by Jimmy Estes; and

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WHEREAS, the team leaders, each of whom was named to the prestigious District All-Tournament team, were: Chris Cummings, Courtney Norton, Larry Talley, and Aaron Wiggins; and

WHEREAS, the other members of the team each contributed significantly to its success. They were: Michael Adams, Sam Brown, Terry Cole, Stanley Dunlap, Jack Estes, Adronicus Hawkins, Brandon Howard, Anthony Hutchinson, Michael Kennedy, and Joseph Tribble; and

WHEREAS, Principal Dr. Mildred Saffell-Smith, Assistant Principal Brent Hurst and Athletic Director George Underhill have been very supportive of the team's efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to specially recognize one of the finest Tennessee basketball teams ever to take the court; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Head Coach Vincent Jordan and the 1997-1998 Martin Luther King freshman boys' basketball team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That duly inscribed copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause deleted from such copies.